

EAST BERLIN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY
103 LOCUST STREET, PO BOX 37
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316
March 2, 2017

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Area Joint Authority was held March 2, 2017 at 103 Locust Street, East Berlin, PA 17316, and was conducted by Chairman Gerald L. Mummert. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 PM.

Members Present: Gerald L. Mummert; Charles Krall; Rick Saxon; Harold Lau; and Ron Weidner.

Also Present: Hannelore Furst, Secretary; Deepthi Kalyanam of Buchart-Horn; Andrew Dehoff of SRBC; John Scrivens; Roberta Teal; and David Richards.

Minutes: *A motion was made by Ron Weidner to accept the minutes of February 2, 2017 as written; with a second by Harold Lau. Motion carried to accept the minutes as written.*

Payment of Bills: All members received a copy of the bills and receipts for February 2017 for a total of **\$18,366.73** from the operational fund. *A motion was made by Charles Krall to approve the paying of the bills for February with a second by Rick Saxon. Motion carried.*

Public/Guest Comment: Andrew Dehoff of SRBC, reported the Authority would be receiving a letter next week concerning resolving the outstanding bill; that Solicitor Battersby advised not to pay. He also reported on some updates; one is an assistance program such as the workshops. There wasn't a lot of interest in forming a formal steering committee; but would solicit input or ideas for workshops. There is also a permitting program; where the staff is available to answer any questions concerning the permitting process, and coordinate with the engineers any work plans. Mr. Dehoff stated he was implementing these programs because of our Authority and what we have been going through. He has spent time reading our minutes and didn't like what he read about the SRBC. He stated it was very enlightening and they should have been here.

SRBC in the long term will be looking at their regulations, that governs all this and things to put in place and still achieve what they need to but less burdensome on Authorities like ours. This should begin around July 1st.

Engineer's Report: Deepthi reported she has the draft copy of the annual Chapter 94 Report completed and needs the chairman's signature, and then it is ready to be submitted. Due by March 31, 2017. The secretary made copies for the Board. She also, updated Exhibit A of the Reading Township agreement for the proposed connections; the tapping fee scenarios and the GPD/EDU information; which was emailed to the Board members. Deepthi referred to the annual water report is almost completed; she is waiting for the unaccounted water losses.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby deferred the solicitor's report and comments to an Executive Session at the end of the meeting, concerning Exhibit A.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Lau reported there are 48 delinquent accounts for a total of \$16,895.18. Mr. Lau also mentioned that today Gerald, the secretary and he met with Carey Morrison of CMA Insurance for the health insurance which expires at the end of March. The new insurance will be with Capital Blue Cross instead of Highmark Blue Shield; this should be approximately \$100 less per month, with a better coverage. Mr. Morrison quoted a couple of other companies as well.

Mr. Lau also stated CMA will be shopping around for our business insurance. We will be checking out some of the advertised insurance companies in the Authority Magazine. That insurance renews in August.

Secretary's Report: Hanna Furst reported she has sent approximately 50 letters to the delinquent accounts; which are due March 7th.

Unfinished Business: Charles Krall mention in the Authority Magazine there is an ad for smoke testing from a Co-Stars supplier. The Authority should check the pricing of this vendor also.

New Business: Charles Krall mentioned Deepthi's water report and waiting on the fire company's usage thru the hydrants; he stated that the workshop he attended at SRBC was dealing with water loss detection. Mr. Krall asked if SRBC can supply us options for water loss detection. Mr. Dehoff stated they could, and Mr. Krall requested Mr. Dehoff to make a note and get back to us on that, so we can be more accurate with our report. Mr. Krall mentioned that the leak detection equipment can get very costly. We need to have some options, to see what will work for us. There was a brief discussion on the flow meters. We will wait for information from SRBC.

Operator's Report:

Nathan Boyer - Absent

John Scrivens - Everything is good.

Chairman Mummert thanked the Board for the sympathy card on the passing of his brother.

Correspondence: Email concerning Homeowner Septic Connection Loan thru PA Housing Finance Agency. Also received an email from Buchart -Horn reminding the authority of the Funding Maze Seminar March 16, 2017;
4:30-6:30 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Solicitor Battersby requested an executive session at 7:22 PM concerning Reading Township. EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at 7:54 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Next meeting will be held April 6, 2017 at 103 Locust Street at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Hannelore B. Furst, Secretary EBAJA